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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEY

1. SALT CONSULTATIONS: WE WERE IN TOUCH WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, THE NSC, ACDA, AND DOD. IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE THE CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 19, I.E. PRIOR TO YOUR TALKS IN MOSCOW BUT AFTER THE PANAMA VOTE. KEENEY AND KAHAN WILL SEE SPARKMAN AND CASE. CHARLIE DUNCAN WILL SEE SCOOP JACKSON. THE CONSULTATIONS WILL BE OF A GENERAL, NON-SPECIFIC NATURE.

2. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF SAVAK: PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH THE IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AT CENTO IN LONDON, MR. VANCE SHOULD KNOW THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE DISTURBANCES WHICH OCCURRED DURING THE SHAH'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER.

THE CHIEF INTEREST THUS FAR ARISES FROM INDICATIONS THAT PRE-SHAH DEMONSTRATIONS WERE FOSTERED BY AGENTS OF GOI,
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WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN A VIOLATION OF FOREIGN AGENTS' REGISTRATION ACT. THE INVESTIGATION, WHICH IS OF A PRELIMINARY

STAGE, MAY SPILL OVER INTO OTHER ACTIVITIES OF SAVAK IN THE U.S. JUSTICE IS AWARE OF THE POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES AND WILL KEEP US ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS.

THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT MAY KNOW OF THE INVESTIGATION. IN THE EVENT IT IS MENTIONED TO THE SECRETARY, WE SUGGEST HE SAY HE IS SIMPLY AWARE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S PROBE BUT THAT HE WILL HAVE TO AWAIT HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON TO LEARN THE FULL DETAILS.

3. ASSURANCES TO GOV PRESIDENT PEREZ: IN RESPONSE TO MR. VANCE'S QUERY, THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE ISSUES INVOLVED:

A. NON PROLIFERATION (TLATELOLCO TREATY): TALKING POINTS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR AMBASSADOR VAKY TO BRIEF PRESIDENT PEREZ ON CARTER TALKS WITH GEISEL.

B. CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT (AYACUCHO DECLARATION): AMBASSADOR VAKY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SOUND OUT VENEZUELAN ON OUR SENDING A TEAM THIS MONTH TO CARACAS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF REVIVING INTERESTS IN LATIN AMERICAN CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT REGIME.

4. POLITICO-MILITARY POSITIONS IN BONN AND PARIS (S/S 7806316): IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUERY ON THIS SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY HAD AN EARLIER EXCHANGE ON THIS MATTER, BEGINNING WITH CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY BROWN LAST SUMMER. ON DECEMBER 17, 1977, THE SECRETARY SENT A LETTER TO BROWN OFFERING TO CONTINUE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT IN LONDON, TO SET UP SIMILAR ONE AT LOW LEVEL IN BONN, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT SAYING NO TO TOKYO AND PARIS. BROWN'S LETTER OF MARCH 27, WHICH YOU HAVE, IS A REQUEST TO RECONSIDER PARIS AND ALLOW HIGHER LEVEL ARRANGEMENT IN BONN. YOU HAVE STOESEL'S AND HARTMAN'S COMMENTS ON BROWN LETTER. IN LIGHT OF THOSE COMMENTS, IT IS BEN READ'S VIEW, CONCURRED IN BY PM AND EUR, THAT WE SHOULD SUPPORT AMBASSADORS AND INFORM SECRETARY BROWN ACCORDINGLY, PARTICULARLY WITH ADDED RESPONSIBILITY DEPARTMENT NOW CARRIES FOR MODE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO OTHER WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SECRETARY AND BROWN ON THIS SUBJECT. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHETHER MR. VANCE WILL NOW APPROVE THE PROPOSED LETTER TO BROWN.

5. PRC ON KOREAN WITHDRAWALS/TAIWAN ARMS SALES: A PRC ON THESE SUBJECTS WILL BE CHAIRED BY CHRIS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19. MR. VANCE HAD MENTIONED BEFORE HE LEFT HE WOULD WANT TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE PRC REITERATING HIS PREFERENCE FOR OPTION 2 ON KOREAN WITHDRAWALS, AND

POSSIBLY A SECOND MESSAGE CONTAINING SOME POINTS ON THE TAIWAN ARMS SALES QUESTION. IF HE STILL WANTS TO TRANSMIT A MESSAGE ON ONE OR BOTH OF THE ABOVE, WE

COULD EITHER DRAFT TEXTS HERE FOR HIS CONSIDERATION OR
AWAIT FOR YOU TO TRANSMIT TO US WHAT HE WANTS TO CONVEY.
I WILL AWAIT WORD FROM YOU ON THIS BEFORE PROCEEDING.

6. FRANK WISNER ALSO WAS IN TOUCH WITH MR. VANCE'S YALE
CLASS CHAIRMAN TO TELL HIM THAT MR. VANCE COULD NOT
SPEAK TO THE CLASS ON MAY 3. THE CHAIRMAN WAS NOT
SURPRISED AND ASKED MR. VANCE BE INFORMED OF HIS CLASS'
GOOD WISHES AND REGRETS THAT HE WILL NOT BE WITH THEM.

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